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Governor Musgrove: Homeownership Key Component in Building Communities

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(Jackson, MS) – Today Governor Ronnie Musgrove said homeownership plays a key role towards strengthening communities across the state. Musgrove made the remarks at the Mississippi 3rd Annual Housing Summit.

"Homeownership encourages personal responsibility, stabilizes neighborhoods and helps improve schools and decrease crime," said Musgrove. "More and more Mississippians are benefiting from our efforts to increase home ownership."

Musgrove cited improvements in education, economic development and job creation as contributing factors in providing all citizens with decent and affordable housing in Mississippi communities.

"The best thing our children can see on their way to school is their parents heading out to work at a good job," Musgrove said.

In discussing job creation, Musgrove said over the last three years more than 2,200 new facilities opened or expanded, spawning the creation of more than 53,000 new jobs and a total business investment in Mississippi totaling nearly \$15 billion.